



Volkshochschule Olching e.V

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Welcome



Welcome in Olching!



Town Hall

Olching is a town in Southern Bavaria nearby Munich, just about half an hour from the centre of Bavaria's capital by city train.

Olching with approximately 27000 inhabitants received the official denomination “town” in 2011. Till then it was a municipality.

Actually Olching is ruled by a social democratic mayor whose office is in the town hall, a modern, functional building with all departments necessary to manage the affairs of a town. Thirty city councillors representing different parties are elected every 6 years.



Churches in Olching

Olching has three churches for Catholic people (most of the inhabitants are Catholics) and one for Protestants. The main church is called „St. Peter and Paul“ and is situated at the market place.

A little Roman church was first mentioned in 1315, but probably it has already been built about 300 years before. In the 17th century the church was altered in Baroque style. At the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century Olching was growing more and more because of the establishment of the railway track Munich/Augsburg and the settlement of industry. The church became too small. A new church was built and consecrated in 1901; two years later, in 1903, the old one had to be demolished because it was dilapidated.

The building of the church can be classified to the „New Roman“ style and it is worth to have a look inside. Especially remarkable are the wooden cassette ceiling with night sky and stars and interesting wall paintings with scenes of the life from Jesus and the apostles.



Churches and chapels

You will find the further two Catholic churches in Esting, a district of Olching since 1978.

St. Stephanus church, situated in the old part of Esting, was built in the 13th century and is under monumental protection now. 1981 New Esting got a new Catholic parish centre because the population of this district grew enormously.

In the districts of Geiselbullach and Esting, you will also find two chapels which are worth seeing: „St. Nepomuk“ in Geiselbullach, built in 1727, and the castle-chapel „Maria Himmelfahrt“ in Esting. This chapel is integrated into a very picturesque little castle (first mentioned in 1568) and was donated in the year 1599 by the owner of the castle at this time, Euphrosia Schad.



Esting's Castle



St. Stephanus and St Nepomuk

Kindergarten and shopping

18 kindergarten and 3 Kinderhaus (Children Daycare Centre):
A motivation for young couple to come to live in Olching! A new residential area, called „Schwaigfeld“, is being built for newcomers.



Thanks to a lot of shops, nice hotels and good medical care, Olching provides adequate supply for its population.



Schools and education facilities

Our education system begins at the age of three and starts with the kindergarten. In Olching you can choose among 18 kindergartens. There are private, catholic, protestant and community ones.



Elementary school



Secondary school



Gymnasium

At the age of six, children start the elementary school. There are three elementary schools in Olching. Children are sent to the nearest school depending from the part of the city where one lives. Four years later it is up to your marks in what kind of school you can continue. In Olching you can go to the secondary school or gymnasium; the next junior high school (Realschule) is about 8 km far away. After 12 years of school you can get your abitur and then you can go to university where ever you want.

Adult Education

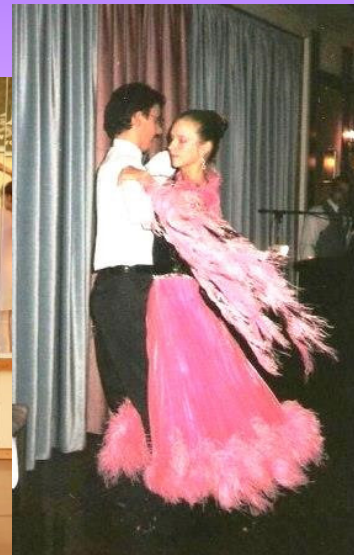


For the adults we have got a special education centre it is called “Volkshochschule” (VHS). It offers a lot of possibilities; you can enrol for courses of culture, creativities, computer, sports, art of living, health, society, languages, general knowledge and a lot more. In its program the Adult Education Centre VHS has got courses especially for the younger ones, too. The VHS is attractive for persons of all ages.

Dance and music schools

In Olching there are two dancing schools, too: in the one you can learn all kinds of dances like waltz, tango, samba ... and the other one is specialised in jazz dance. Children have the possibility to learn dancing or ballet in both of them.

If you are interested in learning an instrument alone or in groups, you will have the choice between two music schools.



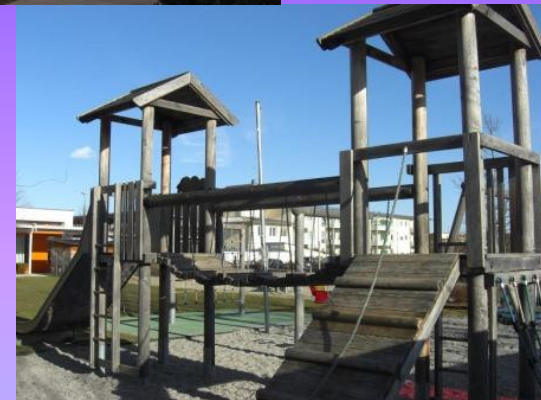


Social « House of meetings »

In Olching we have also got a social centre where you can get help and information if you need support of nearly any kind. For example, if you need meals on wheels, help in caregiving for older people or disabled persons, but also if you want to meet people. There is a reading circle, one can take part in a cooking course, meet other mothers and children.

There are social circles for the elder ones, courses of needling, book flea markets, mornings where you can meet people to draw pictures or just be creative. A lot of possibilities are offered; you only have to make up your mind.

There is a lot you can do in Olching!



Leisure activities in Olching

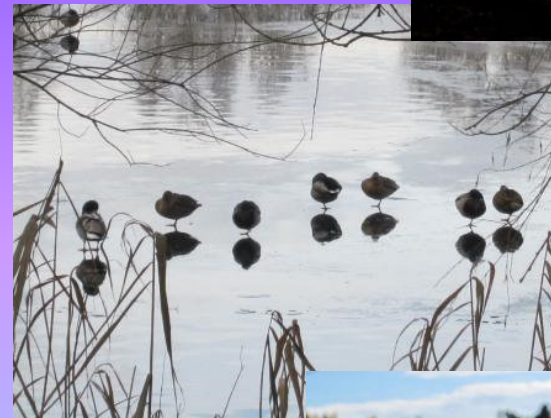
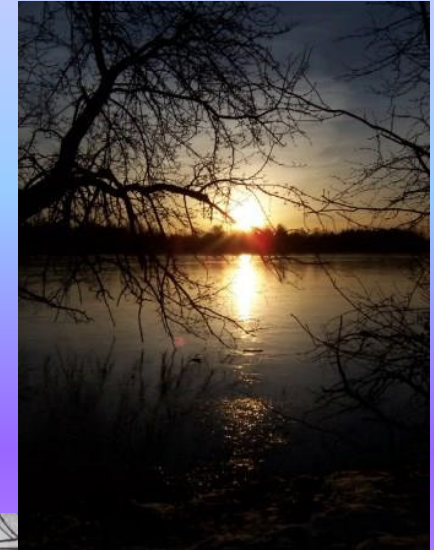
The lake of Olching is a quarry pond at the border to the neighbouring municipality of Gröbenzell. Originally the lake was the result of gravel mining in 1940. Now it is about 590 ha large.

A public footpath around the lake, a 6ha meadow for bathers and others offer recreation for everyone.

There are also the Lifeguard Service, some well-equipped playgrounds, a miniature golf place, a restaurant with beer garden and a kiosk .

A second lake named Amper lake and situated northerly of highway A8 belongs to the town of Olching, too!

The factor “recreation”/”Free time activities” is also a priority in Olching and its surroundings. Numerous footways follow the river Amper and are spread in and around Olching.



Along the river Amper



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The river Amper is not very wide and comes out of the lake Ammersee which is about 25 km away. The “Amper” flows to Fürstenfeldbruck and then through Olching. Southerly of the bridge of Amper lays a spacious wood. Usually you start at the „Festwiese“ and walk through the Amper wood or along the river. The overall length of the walking tour is about 9km and is suitable for baby buggies and wheeled walkers. Different gym equipment is available on this keep-fit trail.

On the way you discover water birds and other ones, flowers, the golf course and picturesque places.



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Power Plants and Cultural Centre (KOM)

The production of electric power through waterpower started in Olching about 100 years ago. Olching is now the owner of two water power plants which produce 8 million KW and cover the energy requirement of all private households in the city. Because of its own production of electricity, the town saves expense for 2 million litres oil yearly and in this way contributes to the environment protection.



Olching is a town with a lot of cultural events, like exhibitions, performances of theatre, concerts and so on. The centre of culture, called „KOM“, is situated near the river Amper and very well accepted by Olching's inhabitants.

Bird Park



Olching also owns an interesting bird park, the entry is westerly of the „Festwiese“.

It shows many species and is open for visitors from April to October. To marvel at are cranes, grey herons, owls, rose pelicans, kingfishers, a lot of parrots, doves from New Guinea and more.

A bird called „Eulenschwalm“ in English „ tawny frogmouth „ is a bit queer and curious.

Since May 2013 an Andean condor makes a sight of himself for the visitors. It is a real giant which weighs 15kg and has a wingspan of 3 meters. Captive condors can reach the age of 80. The one in Olching is 50 years old and therefore we can hope to see „Hannes“ for the next 20 years!

This gorgeous bird park is always worth visiting - for young and older people who like the marvels of the nature.



Gesangverein Harmonie Olching e.V.

The Choral Society Harmony Olching (Gesangverein Harmonie Olching e.V.) is a member of the “Landesverband” (state association) in Bavaria and in the German Choral Union, it was founded in April 1904.

This association celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2014 with a very successful concert. Choir practice takes place every Monday at 7 p.m. under the direction of a professional conductor.

The variety of the choir members –women and men- results from the personality and the background of each of them.

Of course one important goal is also to support the cultural life of the community: e.g. singing in the retirement home, at the Christmas market in Olching and in Munich, for the annual choir concert, on the occasion of Corpus Christi procession, memorial day, etc.



Free Time Activities



**Olching is proud of a World Champion :
Martin Smolinski was the winner of the
Speedway Grand Prix 2014 Auckland/
NZ.**



A lot of associations propose a large range of activities, mostly related to sport and culture. For example you can play miniature golf as well as tennis or chess; you can join a group of painters, photographers, writers, singers or musicians.

The association “Heimat- und Volkstrachtenverein Olching e.V.” cares about traditional dances and clothes since 1965.

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